

W O M E N !!!

WATCH OUT!!

LOOK !!

LISTEN!!

Vote "NO" at the November election on the adoption of the Proposed Revised Constitution. It is unfair to women. Senator Eastwood, Chairman of the Legislative Committee which drafted the Proposed Revised Constitution shows clearly in the letter below that women are not entitled to the rights and privileges of the Constitution, but are regarded as a "special class" and will be given only such rights as the Legislature will dole out to them. "A special class" is a subjective class. Don't vote to keep yourself in subjection! Vote NO! Ask others to vote "NO".



NEW JERSEY SENATE

HOWARD EASTWOOD
SENATOR, BURLINGTON COUNTY
BURLINGTON, N. J.

June 20th, 1944.

Honorable Esther K. Untermann
Second Criminal Court of the
City of Newark,
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Judge Untermann:

Kindly pardon my delay in answering yours of the third. The pressure of important matters have prevented my writing you sooner.

The Legislature decided that, aside from a provision for the Veterans' Civil Service Rights, we should not include any other provision for any special group. In addition, the Legislature was of the opinion that equal rights can be obtained by Legislative enactment; in fact, under the Laws of New Jersey now, I do not know of any rights women are deprived of.

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of Howard Eastwood, written over the typed name.

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The Proposed Revised Constitution does not grant equality under the law to women, nor guarantees that the rights women have gained will be maintained, nor prevents further discrimination against them. Eminent lawyers say that it wipes out all the gains women have made in the past century, except suffrage.

Women must REJECT this Proposed Revised Constitution or their full freedom may not come for many years.

If you vote for the Revised Constitution, you will vote to keep YOURSELF and all other women in subjection!

The plea for
Equality
was refused.

For many years outstanding women's groups have worked to obtain a Constitutional amendment which would grant equality to women. When the Proposed Revised Constitution was being drafted by the Legislature women urged them to place a clause in it which would leave no doubt but that the rights and privileges were granted to all citizens, men and women alike. Women had asked the assistance of two outstanding lawyers, Mr. William Morrison, Jr., and Dean Frank Sommer to prepare a clause which would make it clear that women would be included in the Rights and Privileges, and they suggested the following form:

"No distinction shall be created between the rights of
"men and women to vote, to hold office, nor to enjoy
"equally all civil, political, religious and economic
"rights and privileges."

The Legislature refused to include that clause in the Revised Constitution, or to insert any other clause to protect women.

Public
Opinion
for Equality.

In 1941 the Republican Party placed a plank in its platform which pledged the Party's support to the inclusion in the Constitution of a provision which would prevent discrimination against women.

In 1943 the Democratic Party placed a clause in their Platform which stated:

"We stand on the principle that Equality under the law
"shall not be abridged or denied on account of sex."

This summer both Parties placed a plank in their National platforms, favoring the submission of an Equal Rights amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Disregard
of Public
Opinion.

The Legislature has disregarded all this support. It has ignored the wishes of the most outstanding women in their own Party. It has counted for naught the fact that all the voters of the State supported their Party platforms. It has not taken into consideration the wisdom of placing this question squarely before the people. It has followed their same old course of smothering it, and has deliberately submitted a Constitution to the people for vote which fails to grant equality to women and which jeopardizes their hard won rights.

This failure must not be taken lightly. Women are assuming great public responsibilities and have acquired and control vast properties jointly with men. Their rights should be identical if our economic system is to survive. What hurts women, hurts men.

An admission
of intent
to deny women
equality

In reply to a letter asking why the Legislature refused to insert a clause which would grant equality to women under the law, Senator Eastwood, Chairman of the Legislative Committee which drafted the Proposed Revised Constitution says:

"The Legislature decided that, aside from a provision
" for the veteran's Civil Service Rights, we should not
" include any other provision for any special group. In addition
" the Legislature was of the opinion that equal rights can be
" obtained by Legislative enactment."

Senator Eastwood is a lawyer, and so are most of the members of the Legislature. It is incredible they do not know that Equal Rights can not be obtained by Legislation. The Legislature cannot change the Constitution.

Keeping
women in
subjection.

Senator Eastwood makes it clear that it was the intention of the Legislature to keep women in a "special group", and not entitled to all the rights and guarantees of the Constitution. A "special group" is a subjective class whose activities and their properties are to be controlled by a handful of politicians in the Legislature.

The Legislature has asked men to vote to adopt a Constitution which would keep their mothers, sisters, wives and daughters in a subjective class. The Legislature asks women to vote for a Constitution which would keep themselves in subjection! ARE WOMEN THAT KIND OF PEOPLE?

NOW is the time to heed the warning! Watch, out! Look! Listen! If women are kept in subjection it may be years before they can again have a chance to fight for their freedom.

Vote "NO" at the November election. Ask your friends and neighbors to vote "NO".

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